fees could not be implemented in time due to lapses on the part of two officers of the Bureau of Indian Standards (now retired). Action has been initiated for starting departmental proceedings against them.

(c) The delay in implementation of revised rates resulted in arrears amounting to Rs. 2.42 crores to be collected from applicants and licensees of BIS. However, with concerted efforts an amount of Rs. 1.96 crores has already been collected. Efforts for recovery of balance arrears are still being made by BIS.

(d) A thorough probe into the matter has already been made.

Long Term Grain Policy

1867. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the High level Committee for formulating a Long Term Grain Policy for the country constituted by his Ministry has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, what are its recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN):(a) No, Sir. The final report is likely to be submitted shortly.

(b) Does not arise.

Disposal of damaged foodgrains

1868. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether FCI has disposed off 1.82 lakh tonnes of damaged foodgrains;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the loss incurred by FCI as a result thereof;

(c) whether the remaining stock of foodgrains is stored without getting damaged; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the stock of foodgrain as on the 31st October, 2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) The quantity of damaged foodgrains disposed of during the last three years is given below:

Year	Quantity disposed off (in lakh tonnes)
1998-99	0.80
1999-2000	1.52
2000-2001	1.62
(April 2001 to 31st Oct. 2001)	0.82

Down gradation of sound foodgrains into damaged foodgrains unfit for human consumption is a continuous process. The damaged foodgrains are disposed of from time to time as per procedure and formula rates approved by the Government. The rates of various categories of damaged foodgrains are of course, lower than the rates of sound foodgrains. Thus it cannot be said that any loss has been incurred on this account.

(c) and (d) The stocks of foodgrains in FCI are preserved in scientifically constructed godowns by technically trained staff. Regular and periodic drills are undertaken by the Staff to maintain the health of the stock. As on 31st October, 201, a total stock of 623 lakh MTs foodgrains are available in Central Pool.